

MAINE LEGISLATURE.

The Eastern Maine Insane Hospital at Question Recommitted.

Committee Will Report a Somewhat Different Plan.

Favorable Report on the Drug-gist's Bill to be Made.

Petitioners for Woman Suffrage Given Leave to Withdraw.

The Governor's First Veto on a Measure has been Vetoed.

Senate Wins and Counter.

At 10 a. m. Feb. 15. The following petitions, bills, orders, etc., were introduced to-day, the work beginning with about seven bills of special legislation, and at the same time carefully the interests of the public, and fully protect the island.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mt. Desert and French Pier Company; by Mr. Hinckley, of Ellsworth.

Petition of A. H. Morris, an three hundred others, of Ellsworth, against setting off the Mt. Desert Plantation from Hancock County and annexing it to Penobscot County, by Mr. Hinckley of Ellsworth.

A number of remonstrances against legislation co-insurance, among them being one from Charles S. Pearl and others of Bangor; Mr. Fairbanks, and one from Old Town Woolen Mill; by Mr. Hinckley of Ellsworth.

Two bills, and fifty-one others, to the State for Maine investments for our savings Banks, by Mr. Abbott, of Bucksport.

One bill relating to the appointment of a warden of the State Prison was referred to the joint legislature by Mr. Littlefield, of Ellsworth.

A majority of the petitions relate to the State for the appointment of a warden of the Madawaska Training School.

The amendment provided that the Governor and Council be authorized to inspect the school and see if there were any irregularities in its instruction, the bill was referred to be kept if satisfactory.

Major Dickey and Representatives Powers and Chamberlain and others thought the amendment unnecessary, but did not object except that it divided the passage of the bill. The amendment was voted down.

Passed to be Enacted.

The following measures have been referred to be enacted:

An additional to Chap. 161 of the public and special laws of 1887 relating to the taking of trout and lake-stocked salmon from Mooseagunticook lake in the towns of Linton and Hartford.

An additional to Chap. 83 of the general laws relating to trustee suits.

An act relating to procedure in equity. An act to extend the charter of the Bath Street Railroad Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the City of Old Town."

An act to extend the charter of the Bucksport Electric Railroad Company.

An act in relation to the collection of taxes.

An act additional to an act creating the Duxbury and Dixcroft village fire company; An act to fix the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Lincoln.

An act to amend section 76 of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes relating to judgments against trustees.

An act in relation to the collection of taxes.

An act authorizing the Metallic Setting Company to change the par value of its stock.

A special act of the legislature of 1887, entitled "An act to incorporate the Duxbury and Dixcroft company."

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the contagious diseases among cattle."

A special act was introduced authorizing the appointment of a commission to collect fish and game laws.

The Eastern Hospital Question. The Speaker laid before the House the reports on the Eastern Maine Hospital, when Mr. Adams moved that the reports be re-committed to the joint special committee, announcing that he made this motion at the request of members who had signed both reports.

Mr. Brackett, who signed the minority report and who is leading the opposition to the House, seemed to feel that he was in the ground and opposed the motion to re-committ.

Mr. Ulrich favored the motion saying he understood that the friends of the hospital were prepared to submit a new report, for that already considered in which provision would be made for pushing the work in so far as to relief at present.

Mr. Shaw who signed the minority report to the motion, his remarks were very full and right to the point. He stated that he signed this report because the joint plan of operation did not provide for immediate relief for the over-crowded condition at the hospital. He thought the matter could go back to the committee and be put in such shape as to re-committ this objection.

Mr. Fairbanks also spoke briefly in favor of the motion and urged the importance of making adequate provision for the care of the insane.

A vote was taken on Mr. Adams' motion and it was carried by a large majority, the motion being very weak.

Favorable Report on Drug-gist's Bill. The Judiciary Committee took a vote on the drug-gist's bill this afternoon. The majority (4) will report the bill and the minority report (4) will be against.

The petitioners for woman suffrage were given leave to withdraw by a majority vote. A minority report will be presented.

The Governor's reception will occur February 22.

Governor Cleaves is known to favor changing charters under the general law.

A Veto.

Both branches were to-day treated to the first veto of the session. The measure that ran against the Governor's veto was the bill of the Auburn and Mechanic Falls Electric Railroad. The Governor does not believe in charters granted by special legislation and this bill which reached him yesterday was returned to-day with his approval. The veto message was an able document and was very generally commended. It was too long for this letter, but will be given hereafter.

Governor's Message.

By message the Governor gave some advice to the House relating to special legislation, as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, February 16, 1883.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Seven bills, duly enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, relating to the protection of fish in various ponds and streams of the State are before me for my signature. I have already approved five acts, during the session, the same subject matter, three of which are special acts, and two of the same regular acts passed at the last session of the Legislature.

The blots of this legislation show that many of them are intended for the use of the Legislature and to be passed at the same session of the Legislature and to be passed as another. The legislation is so

proper to suggest the legislature for consideration, the prior duty of providing by law for the regulation of matters of this character, there is under our Constitution express provision for such legislation.

The combats on inland fisheries may properly be authorized upon petition by the Legislature, and after hearing, to regulate the time of taking fish in the various waters not now subject to existing laws, and the enforcement of such regulations may be secured by special acts. These special acts in the past have been framed without the general knowledge of the community affected.

Under the proposed method those in the community would have an opportunity to be heard, and the matter would be referred to the proper committee of the Legislature, and after hearing, to regulate the time of taking fish in the various waters not now subject to existing laws, and the enforcement of such regulations may be secured by special acts. These special acts in the past have been framed without the general knowledge of the community affected.

The Executive will be pleased to co-operate with the Legislature in any reasonable measure that will "soil" the name of the State with special legislation, and at the same time carefully protect the interests of the public, and fully protect the inland waters of the State.

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